



**SUPPLEMENT No. 2**

TO

**THE CYPRUS GAZETTE No. 3650 OF 29TH OCTOBER, 1952**

**LEGISLATION.**

**THE STATUTE LAWS OF CYPRUS**

**No. 23 of 1952.**

*Law 15/53.  
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**A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CORPORATE BODY TO BE CALLED THE ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY OF CYPRUS AND FOR THE EXERCISE AND PERFORMANCE BY SUCH BODY OF FUNCTIONS RELATING TO THE GENERATION AND SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION BY THE SAID BODY OF ELECTRICITY UNDERTAKINGS AND TO REGULATE THE PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION THEREFOR; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY; AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED WITH THE MATTERS AFORESAID.**

**A. B. WRIGHT,]**

**[27th October, 1952.**

**Governor.**

**BE** it enacted by His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as follows:—

**PART I.—PRELIMINARY.**

**1.** This Law may be cited as the Electricity Development Short title, Law, 1952.

Interpretation.

2.—(1) In this Law, unless the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires—

“apparatus” means electrical apparatus and includes all apparatus, machines, consuming devices and fittings in which conductors are used or of which they form a part;

“Authority” means the Electricity Authority of Cyprus established under section 3;

“Authority installation” or “Authority undertaking” means an installation or undertaking the property of, or operated by, the Authority;

“authorized person” means a person appointed by the Authority, or by an authorized undertaker, or by the management or the owner of an installation, or by a contractor, for the time being, to the Authority, management or owner, to carry out certain duties incidental to the generation, transformation, distribution and use of electricity, provided that such person possesses the qualifications, if any, prescribed for persons performing such duties, or, if no qualifications are prescribed, is competent for the purpose for which he is employed, the burden of proof of competency being on the employer;

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“authorized undertakers” and “undertaker” mean any local authority, company or person who has been by the Electricity Law authorized to supply electricity within any area;

“bulk supply” means a supply of electricity to be used for the purposes of distribution;

“Chairman” means the person designated to be the Chairman of the Authority under section 5;

“Chief Inspector” means the Chief Electrical Inspector appointed under section 10;

“conductor” means an electrical conductor arranged to be electrically connected to a system;

“conversion” means the conversion of alternating current to direct current or vice versa by static or dynamic means;

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“Electricity Law” means the Electricity Law and includes any Law amending or substituted for the same;

“generating station” means any station for generating electricity, including any buildings and plant used for the purpose, and the site thereof, and includes a site intended to be used for a generating station, but does not include any station for transforming, converting, or distributing energy;

“generator” means a rotating machine of any type for changing mechanical energy into electrical energy;

“immovable property” includes—

(a) land;

(b) buildings and other erections, structures or fixtures affixed to any land or to any building or other erection or structure;

(c) trees, vines, and any other thing whatsoever planted or growing upon any land and any produce thereof before severance;

(d) springs, wells, water and water rights whether held together with, or independently of, any land ;

(e) privileges, liberties, easements and any other rights and advantages whatsoever appertaining or reputed to appertain to any land or to any building or other erection or structure ;

(f) an undivided share in any property hereinbefore set out ;

“ Inspector ” means an Electrical Inspector appointed under section 10 and includes the Chief Inspector ;

“ installation ” means the whole of any plant or apparatus under one ownership or, where a management is prescribed, in the charge of the management, designed for the supply or use, or both, as the case may be, of electricity, including prime movers, if any, with all necessary plant, buildings and land in connection therewith, pipe lines, supply lines and consuming apparatus, if any ;

“ local authority ” means the council of a municipality, a Village Health Commission and the Board of an improvement area operating under any local authority enactment, as the case may be, in force for the time being ;

“ local authority enactment ” means the Municipal Corporations Law, the Public Health (Villages) Law, and the Villages (Administration and Improvement) Laws, 1950, or any Law amending or substituted for any of such Laws ;

“ management ” means the authorized person for the time being placed in charge of an undertaking or installation by the Authority, by an authorized undertaker, by the owner or by a contractor ;

“ member of the Authority ” includes the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, a temporary Chairman, a temporary Deputy Chairman and any temporary member of the Authority ;

“ municipality ” means a municipal corporation established under the Municipal Corporations Law, or any other Law amending or substituted for the same ;

“ property ” includes movable and immovable property ;

“ supply line ” means a conductor or conductors or other means of conveying, transmitting or distributing electricity, together with any casing, coating, covering, tube, pipe, insulator or post enclosing, surrounding or supporting the same or any part thereof, or any building or apparatus connected therewith for the purpose of transforming, conveying, transmitting or distributing electricity ;

“ system ” means an electrical system in which all the conductors and apparatus are electrically or magnetically connected ;

“ transformation ” means the transformation of voltage from a lower to a higher voltage or vice versa.

(2) All other expressions in this Law have the same meaning as in the Electricity Law,

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## PART II.—ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY.

Establishment and incorporation of the electricity authority.

3. There is hereby established a body to be called the Electricity Authority of Cyprus which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and with power to acquire, hold and dispose of property, to enter into contracts, to sue and be sued in its said name and to do all things necessary for the purposes of this Law :

Provided that, during the subsistence of a guarantee given under section 20, the Authority shall not alienate, mortgage, charge or demise any of its immovable property without the approval of the Governor in Council.

Common seal.

4.—(1) The common seal of the Authority may from time to time be broken, changed, altered and made anew as to the Authority seems fit, and until a seal is provided, a stamp bearing the inscription " Electricity Authority of Cyprus " may be used as the common seal.

(2) All deeds, documents and other instruments requiring the seal of the Authority shall be sealed with the seal of the Authority in the presence of the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Authority, and of the Secretary of the Authority or some other person authorized by the Authority to act in that behalf, who shall both sign every such deed, document or other instrument to which such seal is affixed, and such signing shall be sufficient evidence that such seal was duly and properly affixed and that the same is the lawful seal of the Authority.

Constitution of the Authority.

5.—(1) The Authority shall consist of not more than four persons appointed by the Governor (hereinafter referred to as " the appointed members " ), one of whom shall be designated by the Governor as Chairman, and of the person for the time being holding the office of the Chief Engineer and Manager, as *ex officio* member who shall be the Deputy Chairman :

Provided that the appointed persons need not be persons whose full time services shall be required.

(2) The appointed members shall hold office for a period of not more than five years subject to such conditions as the Governor may determine :

Provided that the Governor may, at any time, remove any such member from office without assigning any reason therefor.

(3) In case of incapacity from illness or any other temporary cause or temporary absence from the Colony of any appointed member, the Governor may appoint some other person to act as a temporary appointed member, during the time such incapacity or absence continues.

(4) The Authority may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership.

(5) The Chairman or the Deputy Chairman may, by instrument in writing, authorize any person to exercise any power or perform any function, other than the functions referred to in sub-section (2) of section 4, conferred on the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman by or under this Law.

6. There shall be paid to the appointed members of the Authority, out of the funds of the Authority, such remuneration (whether by way of salaries or fees) and such allowances for expenses as the Governor in Council may determine.

Remuneration and allowances payable to members of the Authority.

7.—(1) A person shall be disqualified for being appointed as member of the Authority so long as he is a member of the Executive Council.

Disqualification, disposal and discovery of interests of members of the Authority.

(2) Every appointed member shall, within three months after his appointment, sell or dispose of all shares in any electrical undertaking which, at the time of his appointment, he owns or is directly or indirectly interested in for his own benefit; and it shall not be lawful for any member of the Authority whilst he holds office to purchase, or become interested in, for his own benefit, any shares in any electrical undertaking, and if any member of the Authority under any will or succession becomes entitled for his own benefit to any shares in any electrical undertaking he shall sell or dispose of them within three months after he has so become entitled thereto.

(3) Any member of the Authority who retains, purchases, takes or becomes or remains interested in any shares in any electrical undertaking in contravention of the provisions of this section shall be disqualified from, and be deemed to have vacated, his office as such member.

(4) A member of the Authority, if he is interested in any company or undertaking, with which the Authority have or propose to make any contract shall disclose to the Authority the fact and nature of his interest and shall not take part in any deliberation or decision of the Authority relating to such contract, and such disclosure shall be forthwith recorded in the minutes of the Authority.

(5) In this section the expression "shares in any electrical undertaking" means any stock, shares, debentures, debenture stock, bonds or other securities of any company engaged in the generation, distribution or supply of electricity or the manufacture of or wholesale or retail dealing in electrical apparatus and includes any share or interest in any unincorporated undertaking similarly engaged but shall not include any stock, shares, debentures, debenture stock, bonds or other securities of any company whose business as a generator, supplier or distributor of electricity consists in the generation, supply or distribution of electricity for consumption solely by such company.

8.—(1) The quorum at all meetings of the Authority shall be two members present in addition to the Chairman or Deputy Chairman.

Quorum.

(2) The Chairman, and in his absence, the Deputy Chairman shall preside at such meetings:

Provided that when the votes of the members present with regard to any question shall be equally divided the presiding member shall have a casting vote in addition to his own.